

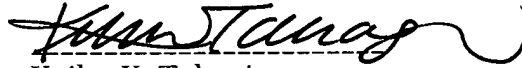
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Application No.: 09/866,610

REMARKS

Further to Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed on November 6, 2001, Applicants have amended the specification by replacing "abuse test" with -- acceleration test-- to be more descriptive and for clarification. Entry and consideration of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 26, the first full paragraph:

A lemon flavor-containing, coated powdery product having an average particle size of 80 μm was produced in the same manner as in Example 1 except for using lemon flavor in place of menthol flavor and using paratinose in place of pullulan. Additionally, formulations of the core substance and the coating material are shown in Table 4. The amount of used coating material was 0.50 part by weight per 1 part by weight of the core substance. The thus obtained lemon flavor-containing, coated powdered product was referred to as sample 6 of the invention and was subjected to [abuse text] accelerated test according to the following evaluation test. Results of the evaluation are shown in terms of number of panels for respective grades.

Page 27, the first paragraph:

The lemon flavor-containing, coated powdered product was subjected to [abuse text] accelerated test at 60°C for 5 weeks. Functional evaluation was conducted by 5 special panels using a 0.1% aqueous solution of the coated powder, with rating degree of deterioration of lemon-like flavor in the following three levels.

Page 33, the first and second paragraphs:

The thus obtained grapefruit flavor-containing, coated powdery product was referred to as sample 8 of the invention and was subjected to [abuse text] accelerated test according to the following functional evaluation test. Results of the evaluation are

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shown in Table 9. The evaluation results are shown in terms of number of panels for respective scores.

(Functional evaluation test on grapefruit flavor)

The thus obtained grapefruit flavor-containing, coated powdery product was referred to as sample 8 of the invention and was subjected to [abuse test] accelerated test according to the following functional evaluation test. Results of the evaluation are shown in Table 9. The evaluation results are shown in terms of number of panels for respective scores.